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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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September 21, 2004

Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliance dated September 13, 2004.

The Notice of Non-Compliance states that the claims in the Preliminary Amendment have not been properly identified. Specifically, it is stated that claims 17-20 should be labeled as "New". Applicant respectfully submits that this is incorrect.

The specification when filed included claims 1-18. The Preliminary Amendment filed on August 12, 2004 labeled claim 17 and 18 as "Original" since these claims were part of the original filing of the application. The Office Action dated May 19, 2004 incorrectly stated claims 1-16 as pending and did not reference claims 17 and 18 in the Office Action. This was an Examiner's error.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 12, 2004 fully complied with the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R.

§1.121. Specifically, applicant respectfully submits that the claims have been properly identified. Applicant respectfully submits that this Reply is fully responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliance.

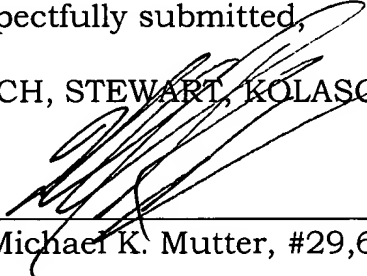
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings (Reg. No. 48,917) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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